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TAGS: PINT, PO

SUBJECT: AZOREAN LEFT ON OFFENSIVE; CONSERVATIVES DESPAIR

1. PONTA DELGADA LEFTIST PARTIES HAVE ISSUED JOINT COMMUNIQUE DEMANDING IMMEDIATE "EXTINCTION" MAPA AS WELL AS INQUIRY INTO ITS ACTIVITIES AND TIES WITH CIA AND RIGHT WING POLITICAL PARTIES. IN SEPERATE COMMUNIQUE PONTA DELGADA MDP REPRODUCES CABLE TO REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL DEMANDING ABOLITION OF CDS AND PDC.

2. WE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT LOCAL FISCAL GUARD HAS BEEN GIVEN LIST MAPA LEADERS AND PERSONS IDENTIFIED WITH FORMER REGIME AND ORDERED PREVENT THEIR TRAVEL FROM OR WITHIN AZORES. CARLOS MELOBENTO, PAPA LEADER AND FORMER VICE PRESIDENT OF LOCAL ANP, RECENTLY PREVENTED FROM BOARDING PLANE FOR TERCEIRA. ACTING MILITARY GOVERNOR AZORES, COMMODORE EMANUEL RICO, LATER REFUSED INFORM MELOBENTO OF REASON FOR ACTION.

3. ON MARCH 16 ELINE ANGRA DE HEROISMO TENNIS CLUB SEIZED BY LEFTIST LED WORKERS. STATE OWNED BUILDING HAD BEEN LEASED BY CLUB; WILL NOW BE USED AS WORKER SOCIAL CENTER. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE ANGRA CIVIL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAD APPROVED WORKER ACTION IN ADVANCES. FOLLOWING DAY WORKERS OF CHURCH AFFILIATE, CENTER RIGHT DAILY UNIAO ATTEMPTED DESTROY PRESSES AND OTHER  
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EQUIPMENT IN ANTI-MANAGEMENT PROTEST. THOUGH UNION OFFICIALS

PREVENTED DESTRUCTION, FURTHER UNION ACTION AGAINST MANAGEMENT  
REPORTEDLY BEING CONTEMPLATED.

4. COMMENT: LEFT OBVIOUSLY USING MARCH 11 COUP ATTEMPT AS  
PRETEXT ELIMINATE, OR AT LEAST NEUTRALIZE, CENTERS OF CONSERVATIVE  
STRENGTH IN ISLANDS. EVEN IF NOT SUCCESSFUL IN ELIMINATING MAPA  
AND CENTER RIGHT PARTIES, LEFTS AGGRESSIVE TACTICS, ALONG WITH WHAT  
APPEARS BE TACIT SUPPORT FROM LOCAL CIVIL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES,  
MAY DISCOURGAGE CONSERVATIVES FROM ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL  
PROCESS AND ENHANCE POSSIBILITY OF LEFTIST SUCCESS IN APRIL  
ELECTIONS. CONSERVATIVE CONTACTS HERE UNIFORMLY PESSIMISTIC  
ABOUT FUTURE OF PORTUGAL. MOST FREELY EXPRESS OPINION THAT  
AZORES ONLY HOPE USG SEIZURE OF ISLANDS TO PREVENT LOSS OF  
STRATEGIC POSITION AT LAJES.  
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